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SUBJ//DEFENDER CHALLENGE 2001, UPDATE #1//

RMKS//1. THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE INFORMATION UPDATE MESSAGES TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE CHANGES AND BREAKING NEWS CONCERNING DEFENDER CHALLENGE (DC) 2001.

2. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR DC 2000.

A. PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS IN A CAREER:

(1) AB-SRA. NO INDIVIDUAL MAY COMPETE MORE THAN TWICE IN THIS CATEGORY.

(2) SSGT-TSGT. NO INDIVIDUAL MAY COMPETE MORE THAN TWICE IN THIS CATEGORY. (MEMBERS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AND REPRESENTING AFRC, AFSOC, ANG, USAFA, OR 11TH WING MAY COMPETE ONCE MORE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE TIMES IN A CAREER IN THIS CATEGORY.)

(3) MSGT-CMSGT. NO INDIVIDUAL MAY COMPETE MORE THAN ONCE IN THIS CATEGORY.

(4) OFFICER. NO INDIVIDUAL MAY COMPETE MORE THAN TWICE IN THIS CATEGORY.

(5) NO INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE MORE THAN TWO APPEARANCES AS A COACH OR TRAINER IN A CAREER. (AFRC, AFSOC, ANG, USAFA, OR 11TH WING MAY HAVE ONE MORE APPEARANCE AS A COACH OR TRAINER FOR A TOTAL OF THREE IN A CAREER.)

B. INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO UNITS NOT WITHIN A MAJCOM MAY COMPETE WITH THEIR HOST BASE MAJCOM.

C. THE USAF DIRECTOR OF SECURITY FORCES INVITES COMPETITORS FROM ALLIED NATIONS AND OTHER MILITARY SERVICES AND DETERMINES THE ELIGIBILITY OF THOSE COMPETITORS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

3. WEAPONS: BRIG GEN SHAMESS HAS APPROVED DELETING THE M-60 MACHINE GUN FROM THIS YEARS COMPETITION. THE M-249 SQUAD AUTOMATIC WEAPON WILL BE USED. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE MUNITIONS SHORTAGES, TRAINING ON THE M-249 IS ONLY AUTHORIZED AT MAJCOM TRAINING CAMPS. DUE TO A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF LINKED BLANK AMMUNITION, MAJCOMS DESIRING TO TRAIN WITH BLANKS MAY HAVE TO MANUALLY LINK M-200 BLANK ROUNDS.

4. COMBAT RIFLE: WILL BE A NIGHT TIME ONLY EVENT. ALL EIGHT TEAM MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE.
5. COMBAT WEAPONS: ALL EIGHT TEAM MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE.
6. OBSTACLE COURSE: DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE LACKLAND AFB OBSTACLE COURSE, THIS EVENT MAY BE MOVED TO CAMP BULLIS. WHILE THE EVENT WILL BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR, PREPARATION ON AF OBSTACLE COURSES WILL ADEQUATELY PREPARE YOUR COMPETITORS. IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE TO ANY MAJCOM TEAM, THE CAMP BULLIS OBSTACLE COURSE IS OFF LIMITS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
7. ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE RELEASED AT A LATER DATE.

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